



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

North-West and New England Districts Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in any of the following One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments in the North-West and New England Districts:

ARMIDALE	GUNNEDAH	TAMWORTH
Tuesday 29 October 2019	Wednesday 30 October 2019	Thursday 31 October 2019
St Mary's Primary School Dangar Street, Armidale	Gunnedah Public School Bloomfield Street, Gunnedah	Nemingha Public School 145 Nundle Road, Nemingha

TIMES: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

TEAMS: Three players per team

ENTRIES: Enter online or by fax, mail or phone on or before Thursday 24 October

The tournaments are part of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are conducting around the state and will be similar to the popular tournaments we have held in these areas in previous years.

These one-day tournaments are particularly suitable for schools and players new to competitive chess, although those that have been taking part in our other inter-school competition are of course welcome too.

Free Entry: Although we no longer have the sponsorship that has helped us finance these tournaments for many years we are still able, at least for this year, to run them **without charging an entry fee**.

Playing Standard: Your players do not have to be experts! They will, however, need to understand the basic rules of chess and competitive play. The rules of competitive play are on our website, www.nswjcl.org.au (click on **Schools** and then click on **Rules** under the heading **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**).

Number of Teams: The number of teams will be limited by the size of the venues, so we suggest you send in your entry quickly to ensure a place. **Multiple teams** from the one school will be accepted, if numbers and space permit. From past experience we expect that we will be able to accommodate up to five teams, possibly more, from schools wishing to enter them – provided that entries are received by the closing date.

Supervision, etc.: Although we shall be providing supervision throughout the day we ask that each school arrange for an adult to stay with the children during the day – this could be a teacher or a parent. In previous years these tournaments have attracted interest from the media. Please ensure that your players have media permission to be photographed or interviewed for television and newspapers (or let us know which do not).

Why Chess? The educational benefits of teaching chess to young children are now well recognised, having been demonstrated by research carried out in many countries. A paper summarising this research (Dr Peter Dauvergne: *A Case for Chess as a Tool to Develop our Children's Minds*) may be found on our website.

Chess is becoming increasingly popular in schools throughout NSW. Last year 869 teams from 203 schools took part in the 30 district tournaments of the One-Day series. This year over 820 teams (of four players) are competing in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 20 schools in the North-West and New England Districts.

How to Enter: Please either enter online via our website or use the entry form below and email or fax it as soon as possible (no later than Thursday 24 October). To enter online go to our website www.nswjcl.org.au – click on “Schools” in the menu on the home page and then on “Entry Details” under the heading “Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments” at bottom left). You may enter teams in any of the tournaments (or even more than one, but we ask that these be different teams, with each player participating in only one tournament).

Enquiries: Richard Gastineau-Hills, (02) 9498 2760 or 0403 962 442 or email RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gastineau-Hills

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Primary Schools Coordinator
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The winning team from each tournament will be invited to the NSW One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 24 November.



NSW Junior Chess League

ENTRY FORM

North-West and New England Districts Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments

Tick one

	Armidale	Tuesday 29 October 2019
	Gunnedah	Wednesday 30 October 2019
	Tamworth	Thursday 31 October 2019

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Enter online (see below left*)
or email to
RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au
or fax to
(02) 9499 4131
No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)
or post to
NSW Junior Chess League
2 Northcote Avenue
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by Thursday 24 October

Name of School

Phone:

Contact's Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):

Contact's Role (Teacher/Principal/Parent):

Contact's Email Address:

Contact's Mobile:

Number of teams (3 players per team):

Signature: Date: